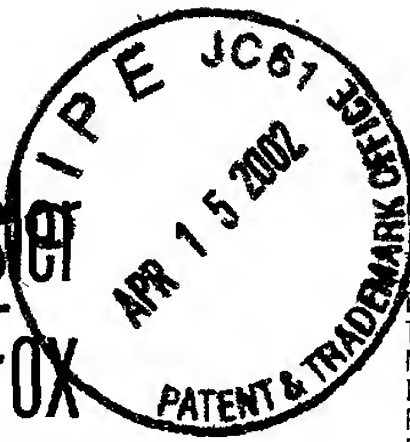




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In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application," dated February 15, 2002, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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3. Original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, executed by the inventors;
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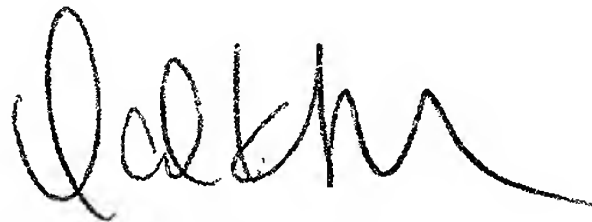
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